

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE LITTLE BOLLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Dear Mr Mann and Mr Woolridge

## LITTLE BOLLINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

Thank you for your response to my questions of 19 April 2023. As a result of my further consideration of the Little Bollington Neighbourhood Plan, I have an additional request for clarification for the Forum and Cheshire East Council. I would like to receive a written response as soon as practicable (ideally by **Monday 22 May 2023**).

Policy HDL5 states *"The following buildings are established as Locally Listed Heritage Assets"*. Ten properties are then listed. Whilst local listing, in itself, does not provide additional planning controls, paragraph 203 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) suggests that a balanced judgement will be required in considering applications for development. In my judgement, the policy should include an additional statement to make this explicit.

Could both the Forum and the Council please provide comments on the inclusion of the following statement in order to ensure clarity in the application of the policy:

**"A balanced judgement will be applied to proposals for development that affect a locally listed asset, having regard to any resulting harm or loss and the significance of the asset"**.

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure a copy of this letter and any subsequent response is placed on both the Little Bollington Neighbourhood Forum and the Cheshire East Council websites.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Examiner